Twinned in Faith

ST. AMBROSE & ST. CATHERINE'S PARISHES

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Whether you are new, visiting, or a longtime member, we're glad you're here.
Please say hello to Fr. Iqbal—he would love to meet you!
Pick up a registration form in the foyer and place it in the collection basket.

We welcome

William Diedrick Funk

and

Nicole Annalise Fuller,

who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Catherine's last Saturday!

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

OUR PRAYERS

MASSES AND INTENTIONS for April 11—19, 2026

Saturday April 11 (Sunday Mass)	**SA 5:00 pm**	Rose Rickert †
Saturday (Sunday Mass) Ridgeview Lodge	**7:00 pm**	For the parishioners
Sunday April 12	**SA 9:00 am**	Sr. Alice Wagner †
Sunday April 12	**SC 11:00 am**	Gordon Briggs †
Monday April 13	SA 8:45 am	No intention available
Tuesday April 14	SA 6:00 pm	No intention available
Wednesday April 15	SC 9:00 am	Albert & Nellie Chartier †
Thursday April 16	SA 8:45 am	Intention of Stan Mastel
Thursday Sunny South Lodge	2:30 pm	Intention of Laurainne Sincennes
Friday April 17	**SC 9:00 am**	No intention available
Saturday (Sunday Mass) April 18	**SA 5:00 pm**	For the parishioners
Sunday April 19	**SA 9:00 am**	Intention of Laurainne Sincennes
Sunday April 19	**SC 11:00 am**	No intention available

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick – Robert Pitsol, Joanne Weber, Diane Murray, Lew Dooper, Peter Velker, Robert Briggs, Tanya Figg, Dave Gensorek, David & Darlene Beler, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Maria Federmesser, Lorainne Kress, Joanne Kubic, Helen & Perry Layton, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, Fausto Romo Vela.
And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased, especially Rosa Rickert and Sr. Alice Wagner.

pastoral care

Pastoral Care Ministry – If you <u>do not</u> wish to receive Holy Communion in Coaldale after the 9am Mass on **Sunday April 19**, please notify a team member by <u>Saturday April 18</u>.

April 19 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 Offie 604-791-6141

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Receiving the Sacraments in St. Ambrose & St. Catherine's Parishes

Please contact the parish office regarding the required Sacramental Preparation courses for all Sacraments: Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six 6) months prior to the date chosen. If you have questions, please contact the office at 403-345-3400

Our Support for Others—TIA

Together in Action is more than a fundraising campaign. It is a call to live our faith. In the spirit of St. Francis, we are reminded that faith becomes visible through our actions when we care for those in need.

Thanks to your generosity, we are making steady progress in our Together in Action 2026 campaign. We are moving closer to our Parish goals. Each gift is a sign of faith lived through action.

Our parishes will be allocating the Surplus funds to helping achieve our 2026 TIA goal. Thank you for your continued help in meeting our parishes goals!

St. Ambrose Parish

2026 Goal:	$10,531.00
Donations to April 5:	$ 4,754.75

St. Catherine's Parish

2026 Goal:	$10,703.00
Donations to April 5	: $ 2,434.00

1. ***The 2025 Income Tax receipts for your donations are available in the foyers of both churches. They are in alphabetical order by last name. Please pick up yours ASAP. This saves the parishes a lot of money in postage costs!***

2. **ARE YOU REGISTERED IN YOUR PARISH?**
All Parishioners need to be registered in their parish so:
-we can contact you with news and events
-we can register the reception of the Sacraments by you and/or your children
-we have an accurate census of the parish
If you are attending Mass at St. Ambrose or at St. Catherine's parishes and have not yet registered as parishioners, please fill out a registration form, found in the church foyers, and return it to the office. Thank you!

3. **Please remember to book Mass Intentions through the office**, especially if you are asking for a specific date. Please don't just assume a date will be available—check first. It will save much time and many phone calls. Thank you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO THOSE CURRENTLY IN MINISTRY WHO STILL HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE SCREENING PAPERWORK AND/OR THE PRAESIDIUM TRAINING…

The Diocese of Calgary deadline for completing this is JUNE 30. If you do not complete your Volunteer Screening requirements, mandatory for all ministries, you will have to stop volunteering in the churches. **We will offer 1 last C.A.S.E. Training (group training) in both parishes after Easter on Saturday April 25:**

St. Ambrose 10 am ***St. Catherine's 6:30 pm***

If you need to complete screening, you will be receiving an email shortly to remind you and to give you dates and times. PLEASE make every effort to complete your training!! THIS TRAINING IS FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS ONLY.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!! Both of our parishes are going to start a **Funeral Ministry**! We will be looking for volunteers who will take on a leadership role in assisting Fr. Iqbal or our Deacons in meeting with families and helping to schedule other volunteers such as Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the parish office if you feel called to join this new ministry!

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Pastoral Care Ministry
A Tradition of Faith

ıe compassionate, relational, and spiritual support
ʻained laypeople to individuals facing life's challenges,
ons. Rooted in the "shepherding" model, it offers a
and practical assistance to help people navigate
lderly, and homebound.

Core Aspects of Pastoral Care Ministry

- **Ministry of Presence:** Rather than just "fixing" problems, pastoral care focuses on walking alongside individuals, offering companionship and empathetic listening during difficult times.
- **Practical Support:** Beyond spiritual care, this ministry often coordinates tangible help, such as visits to the sick and shut-ins.

Spiritual Guidance: It helps individuals apply faith to daily life by offering them spiritual support.

Key Components of the Ministry

Training & Skills: Effective pastoral care often requires training in listening, empathy, and crisis support, as highlighted in initiatives by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. Pastoral Care Ministers always serve in teams of two.

- **Hospitality & Community:** It often involves building a caring community within a congregation, ensuring no one suffers alone and everyone is able to receive Holy Communion in their respective places.

Scope: While rooted in Christian traditions the principles of pastoral care are applied broadly to meet emotional and spiritual needs of elderly, homebound and lonely.

If you are interested to open your hearts to serve the Lord in the needy, contact the Parish Office by emailing: office@stambroseparish.ca
or calling: 403-345-3400 (St. Ambrose) or 403-745-5100 (St. Catherine's on Wednesdays)

All parish volunteers must complete the Diocese of Calgary Volunteer Screening program BEFORE they can serve in the parish. The office can help with this! Please call for more information.

Complimentary workshop, with registration.
Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
For conference schedule & more information:
www.catholicyyc.ca/renewal

Out of towners?
Call 403-218-5500 to speak with Jenn or Mara re: accommodation near St. Michael's Church, and if there is a billeting possibility.

Register by April 14, 2026
For more info and registration:
https://www.catholicyyc.ca/renewal.html

Bishop McGrattan's Easter message,

"Walking the Path of the Risen Lord,"

is now available for everyone to read.

Here is the link to the Bishop's message:

www.catholicyyc.ca/blog/walking-the-path-of-the-risen-lord

He is truly risen from the dead, Alleluia, Alleluia.

According to St. Augustine “it was impossible for the Author of life to stay under the earth for long” The Christians all over the world have been preparing themselves with prayer, penance and work of charity to celebrate the greatest feast of all times, that’s Easter. No one expected that it is going to happen that a man who was once crucified going to rise. St. Paul rightly says in his first letter to Corinthians ““Death has been swallowed up in victory. *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”.*

According to Pope Francis “The women had gone to anoint the Lord’s body and instead found themselves standing before a surprise. When God announces something, it is always a surprise because God is a God of surprises. It has been that way from the beginning of the story of salvation with Abraham: one surprise after another. God does not know how to make an announcement without surprising us. Surprise moves our hearts and touches us where we do not expect.

Once those women saw he is risen, they didn’t stop there but their reaction was priceless. They rushed back to share with what they have seen the disciples. God’s surprises demand an immediate response. Peter and John ran to the tomb. The shepherds on the night when Christ was born ran to see what the angel had revealed to them. The Samaritan woman also ran to say to her people, “this is something entirely new. I have met a man who has told me everything that I have done—and the people knew what she had done. Even St. Andrew did not waste time to go to St. Peter to say that he had found the Messiah.

The Feast of Easter is a feast of proclamation of his resurrection and victory over death. Are we ready to proclaim that “Truly he is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia?

Wish you all a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

Fr. Iqbal

May you have a blessed and joyous Easter! Season!

From the staff of St. Ambrose & St. Catherine’s Twinned Parishes

Have you ever wondered: Why do we have our houses blessed?

The tradition of House Blessing dates back to early Christianity. We read in the Gospel of St. Matthew ""On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." It means we open the doors to Jesus to come in and stay with us. As it is written in the Book of Revelation 3:20 “*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me”*

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Among the sacramentals blessings occupy an important place. They include both praise of God for his works and gifts, and the Church's intercession for men that they may be able to use God's gifts according to the spirit of the Gospel.”

At the Easter Vigil, all is restored: The fonts are filled again, and the baptismal water is blessed. In this blessing, we hear how God has given water the “power to sanctify” throughout salvation history — the great flood cleansed the earth of sin, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea to freedom, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. For the remainder of the Easter season, the congregation is sprinkled liberally with this holy water in place of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. We are reminded of our baptism and our baptismal vow. During Easter time, when houses are blessed with the water blessed at Easter Vigil, reminds us about the life-giving water which flowed from the side of Jesus when his heart of pierced. During the blessing, we remember the words of the Psalmist, "**Blessed** art thou, and it shall be well with thee".

If you would like to have your house blessed, please call the office to book a time for Fr. Iqbal to come and bless your house!